

President's Column

Mike fright is a very real thing. Sometimes we are so afraid that we are going to get something wrong that we choose to do nothing. We hear some stations talk so fast that their call sign is a blur and wonder how we will ever keep up. The answer is acknowledging we make mistakes, give it a shot and go on. Think about when you learned to speak. Did you use complete sentences? Did you get things wrong? Did you stop trying to communicate? Practice gives comfort in what you are doing. The Space Shuttle pilots practiced simulator landings over 700 times before doing the real thing. Like the Nike slogan – Just Do It! Everyone is welcome to participate in the weekly club net on Wednesday at 7pm on the 91 repeater. No pressure, no grades.

The same is true for the Saturday ARES net at 9am on the 91 repeater. For those who want to move up a step, there is always a need for net control operators on both those nets. For those holding General license or better and have HF equipment, there is the Delaware Traffic Net (Mon-Sat) and the Delmarva Emergency Net (Sun) that meets at 2330Z on 3905KHz every day to pass traffic and hear how Jerry's (N3KRX) little blade of grass is doing. Your skills may be needed one day. Get out, be radio-active, and have fun doing it!

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